

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please make the following amendments to the specification (material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in underline, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~), or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[ ]].

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1, as indicated below.

Fig. 19 is a cross-sectional view of the utensil of Fig. 17 taken along the line 19-19 in Fig. ~~[[17]]~~18.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 3, as indicated below.

Fig. 20 is a cross-sectional view of the utensil of Fig. 17 taken along the line 20-20 in Fig. ~~[[17]]~~18.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 5, as indicated below.

Fig. 21 is a cross-sectional view of the utensil of Fig. 17 taken along the line 21-21 in Fig. ~~[[17]]~~18.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 7, as indicated below.

Fig. 22 is a cross-sectional view of the utensil of Fig. 17 taken along the line 22-22 in Fig. ~~[[17]]~~18.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 1, as indicated below.

Fig. 30 is a cross-sectional view of the utensil of Fig. 29 ~~taken along the line 30-30 in Fig. 29.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 4, as indicated below.

Fig. 32 is a cross-sectional view of the utensil of Fig. 29 ~~taken along the line 32-32 in Fig. 29.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 2, as indicated below.

An example of a marshmallow-toasting utensil constructed according to the present disclosure is shown in Figs. 1-5 and generally indicated at 10. Utensil 10 includes a handle, or body, 7 and a wire assembly 9 that includes a pair of wire segments 8 that project, or extend, from the body and include end regions that are adapted to receive a marshmallow to be toasted. Although a pair of elongate wire segments 8 are shown in the illustrated example, it is within the scope of the present disclosure that wire assembly 9 may include a different number of wire segments, such as a single wire segment, ~~more than~~ more than two wire segments, two or more pairs of wire segments, etc. Therefore, while a pair of spaced-apart, elongate wire segments may be a preferred number of wire segments for wire assembly 9, a different number of segments and/or configurations or wire segments may be used without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 6, as indicated below:

In Figs. 13 and 14, another example of a suitable mechanism for ~~for~~ releasably coupling wire segments 8 to handle 7 is shown. As shown, utensil 10 further includes a fastening, or wire-retention, mechanism 40 in the form of a snap-lock mechanism or other suitable releasable clamp that is slidable or otherwise selectively configured between a locked configuration, in which the wire segments are frictionally retained against another portion of the fastening mechanism and/or the handle, and an unlocked configuration, in which the wire segments may be selectively slid or otherwise moved relative to the fastening mechanism, such as to separate the wire assembly from the handle. In the locked configuration, fastening mechanism 40 engages end region(s) 24 and/or linkage region 25 (depending, for example, upon the particular wire assembly being utilized) to selectively couple the wire assembly in a defined position relative to the handle. Accordingly, fastening mechanism 40 may be described as being adapted to remain in its locked configuration until urged to its unlocked configuration by a user. It is within the scope of the present disclosure that the fastening mechanism may include a biasing mechanism, such as a spring or other suitable structure, that biases the fastening mechanism to the locked configuration. Alternatively, the fastening mechanism may be configured to remain in its locked and/or unlocked configurations until urged to the other configuration by a user. As a further variation, the fastening mechanism may be biased to its unlocked configuration, but adapted to be retained in its locked configuration until released, or urged, by a user toward its unlocked configuration, at which the biasing will complete the transition to the unlocked configuration. In Fig. 14, a biasing mechanism is

schematically depicted in dashed lines at 42. It is within the scope of the disclosure that this schematic graphical representation may take any suitable form or structure for providing the above-discussing biasing, such as toward the locked configuration, toward the unlocked configuration, etc.